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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed October 22, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 38 and 39.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

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-- 7. (Amended) The implantable medical device of claim 5, wherein said non-woven framework further comprises cells selected from the group consisting of smooth muscle cells, stem cells, fibroblasts, hepatocytes, and endothelial cells. --

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